



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5299

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMENDATION MEDAL, AN
ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AND THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR
STATE MILITARY DECORATIONS AND AWARDS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Adjutant General and
2 two officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant
3 General, shall constitute a board of officers to receive
4 recommendations, through military channels, for the award of a
5 commendation medal to any member of the armed forces of the state
6 who has distinguished himself or herself by an act of heroism,
7 extraordinary achievement or meritorious service. The commendation
8 medal may be awarded for acts of valor of a lesser degree than those
9 described in section 27-72 of the general statutes. Such acts may
10 involve aerial flight. A bronze V device shall be displayed on the
11 suspension and service ribbons of commendation medals awarded for
12 valor. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be issued in lieu of succeeding
13 awards and a silver oak leaf cluster may be worn in lieu of three
14 bronze oak leaf clusters. Except for acts of valor, the commendation
15 medal shall not be awarded to general officers.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Adjutant General and two
17 officers of field grade or above, appointed by the Adjutant General,
18 shall constitute a board of officers to receive recommendations,
19 through military channels, for the award of an achievement medal to

20 any member of the armed forces of the state who has distinguished
 21 himself or herself by meritorious service or achievement of a lesser
 22 degree than required for award of the commendation medal set forth
 23 in section 1 of this act. A bronze oak leaf cluster shall be issued in lieu
 24 of succeeding awards and a silver oak leaf cluster may be worn in lieu
 25 of three bronze oak leaf clusters. The achievement medal shall not be
 26 awarded to general officers.

27 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The order of precedence of state
 28 military decorations and awards shall be as follows: The medal of
 29 valor, the medal of merit, the commendation medal, the achievement
 30 medal, the emergency service ribbon, the selected reserve force ribbon,
 31 the wartime service medal, the military operations service ribbon, the
 32 long service medal, the achievement ribbon and the outstanding unit
 33 ribbon.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Made technical changes for accuracy.

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